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WASHINGTON---Rain again played havoc with the Negro National League's week-end schedule, as six games were called off because of inclement weather, but the rejuvenated Newark Eagles maintained the league lead by trouncing the New York Black Yankees, 8-2, while the Washington Homestead Grays were losing to the Baltimore Elite Giants, 4-1, at Griffith Stadium.

An opening day crowd of 12,000 saw the Grays inaugurate the Capital NNL season, while 3,500 watched the Eagles and Yankees tangle. Both games were washed out in New York, where the Cubans and Philadelphia Stars were to clash, while the scheduled second contest was called off in Washington and Newark. The Saturday twin bill between the Elites and Grays in Pittsburgh was also rained out.

Earlier in the week, Newark won victory number two by defeating the Philadelphia Stars, 14-6, in a postponed game at Wilmington, Del., and the Stars earned their first loop triumph with a 4-3 win over the New York Cubans in the Quaker City on Saturday. At Altoona, Pa., Friday, the Grays downed the Baltimore Elite Giants, 7-4.

Day Wins Again

At Newark, Sunday, Leon Day, who hurled a no-hitter in his first start, fashioned his second victory by allowing the Yankees eight scattered hits while his mates got ten safeties and ~~xxix~~ played errorless ball. The Eagles led, 3-0, in the second game when the rains came in the fourth inning.

At Washington, Judge Armond W. Scott tossed out the first ball while Major James Fowler, a returned war hero, assisted in the centerfield flag raising. Bill Byrd granted but five hits over the six innings while Gene Smith was nicked for six, four of which came in the Elites' fifth when they scored all of their runs. A heavy downpour, the third to interrupt the game, stopped play in the 7th.

Luis Marquez, Puerto Rican infielder, made his debut with the Grays and played brilliantly at second base. Marquez was declared Grays property at a NNL ~~xxx~~ meeting last week after playing one game with the Elites.